

WHAT IS CLAIMED

1. A television receiver comprising:

means for acquiring program-related information held in a first server connected to a network and related to the contents of each program corresponding to a predetermined time period and including link information for acquiring detailed information held in a second server connected to the network from the first server through the network and storing the acquired program-related information;

means for displaying, when the program is selected by a user, the program-related information corresponding to the program on a television monitor;

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link information included in the displayed program-related information is selected by a user operation, the detailed information from the second server through the network on the basis of the link information; and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on the television monitor.

2. A television receiver comprising:

means for acquiring program-related

information held in a first server connected to a network and related to the contents of each program corresponding to a predetermined time period from the first server through the network and storing the acquired program-related information; and

means for displaying, when the program is selected by a user, the program-related information corresponding to the program on a display device provided in a remote controller for the television receiver.

3. The television receiver according to claim 2, further comprising

means for acquiring EPG information related to a program schedule corresponding to a predetermined time period from a second server connected to the network and storing the acquired EPG information; and

means for displaying, when the power is turned on or a program which is being viewed is terminated, a program table created on the basis of the EPG information on the display device provided in the remote controller for the television receiver.

4. The television receiver according to claim 2, wherein

the program-related information includes

program-related information for each elapsed time period in each program.

5. The television receiver according to claim 3, wherein

the program-related information includes program-related information for each elapsed time period in each program.

6. The television receiver according to claim 2, wherein the program-related information includes link information for acquiring detailed information held in a third server connected to the network, further comprising

means for acquiring, when an anchor for link information is selected by a user operation, detailed information from the third server through the network on the basis of the link information, and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on the display device provided in the remote controller for the television receiver.

7. The television receiver according to claim 3, wherein the program-related information includes link information for acquiring detailed information held in a third server connected to the network, further comprising

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link information is selected by a user operation, the detailed information from the third server through the network on the basis of the link information, and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on the display device provided in the remote controller for the television receiver.

8. A remote controller for a television receiver, comprising:

a display device;

means for acquiring program-related information related to the contents of each program corresponding to a predetermined time period from a first server connected to a network and storing the acquired program-related information; and

means for displaying, when the program is selected by a user, the program-related information corresponding to the program on the display device.

9. The remote controller for a television receiver according to claim 8, further comprising

means for acquiring EPG information related to a program schedule corresponding to a predetermined time period from a second server connected to the network and storing the acquired EPG information,

and

means for displaying, when the power is turned on or a program which is being viewed is terminated, a program table created on the basis of the EPG information on the display device.

10. The remote controller for a television receiver according to claim 8, wherein

the program-related information includes program-related information for each elapsed time period in each program.

11. The remote controller for a television receiver according to claim 9, wherein

the program-related information includes program-related information for each elapsed time period in each program.

12. The remote controller for a television receiver according to claim 8, wherein the program-related information includes link information for acquiring detailed information held in a third server connected to a network, further comprising

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link information is selected by a user operation, the detailed information from the third server through the network on the basis of the link information,

and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on the display device.

13. The remote controller for a television receiver according to claim 9, wherein the program-related information includes link information for acquiring detailed information held in a third server connected to the network, further comprising

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link information is selected by a user operation, the detailed information from the third server through the network on the basis of the link information, and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on a display device.

14. In a service providing system comprising a television receiver having a first server connected to a network and holding program-related information related to the contents of each program, a second server holding detailed information, and a network connecting function, the program-related information including link information for acquiring the detailed information,

the television receiver comprises

means for acquiring the program-related information related to the contents of each program corresponding to a predetermined time period from the first server and storing the acquired program-related information,

means for displaying, when the program is selected by a user, the program-related information corresponding to the program on a television monitor;

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link information included in the program-related information is selected by a user operation, the detailed information from the second server on the basis of the link information, and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on the television monitor.

15. In a service providing system comprising a television receiver having a first server connected to a network and holding program-related information related to the contents of each program, a second server holding detailed information, and a network connecting function, the program-related information including link information for acquiring the detailed information,

the television receiver comprises

means for acquiring the program-related information related to the contents of each program corresponding to a predetermined time period from the first server and storing the acquired program-related information,

means for displaying, when the program is selected by a user, the program-related information corresponding to the program on a display device provided in a remote controller for the television receiver;

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link information included in the program-related information is selected by a user operation, the detailed information from the second server on the basis of the link information, and

means for displaying the acquired detailed information on the display device provided in the remote controller for the television receiver.

16. In a service providing system comprising a remote controller for a television receiver having a first server connected to a network and holding program-related information related to the contents of each program, a second server holding detailed information, and a network connecting function, the program-related information including link

information for acquiring the detailed information,
the remote controller for the television
receiver comprises

means for acquiring the program-related
information related to the contents of each program
corresponding to a predetermined time period from
the first server and storing the acquired
program-related information,

means for displaying, when the program is
selected by a user, the program-related information
corresponding to the program on the display device;

means for acquiring, when an anchor for the link
information included in the program-related
information is selected by a user operation, the
detailed information from the second server on the
basis of the link information, and

means for displaying the acquired detailed
information on the display device.

17. The service providing system according to
claim 14, wherein

the detailed information includes commodity
purchase information.

18. The service providing system according to
claim 15, wherein

the detailed information includes commodity

